

Class Expectations, Policies, and Procedures
91B Honors Literature and Composition
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Grading System

Reading and Literature	35%
Writing	35%
Final Exam	20%
Vocabulary/Language	10%

Materials

The following are required for class daily:

- Texts – Literature book (classroom set)
- Vocabulary book
- Parallel reading
- Pen (blue or black ink) and a #2 pencil
- Three-ring binder with dividers
- College-ruled loose-leaf notebook paper

Spring Units of Study

- Poetry: selections and terms
- Drama: *The Tragedy of Romeo and Juliet*
- The Epic: *The Odyssey*

Parallel Readings

The Glass Menagerie by Tennessee Williams

Big Fish by Daniel Wallace

Julius Caesar by William Shakespeare

Manuscript Format

Any paper that is turned in for a grade must follow MLA Manuscript Format. Failure to comply will result in grade reduction.

Make-up Work

The student is responsible for consulting with the teacher upon his/her return to class.

The student will be allowed to make up missed tests or quizzes after school on Thursday or during AO. Make-ups in the mornings are by appointment only.

Late projects/papers will receive a ten -point deduction per day for the first two late days. After the second late day, the project/paper will not be accepted, and a grade of zero will be assigned.

The student will have the same number of days absent to make up any missed in-class assignments.

When an assignment (project, paper, test, vocabulary) has been assigned before the absence of the student, the work is due upon the student's return. S/he will be expected to take the test if it has been announced before his/her absence. No points will be deducted from a project if the student's absence is excused. Failure to provide an excused note will result in point deductions.

No late homework will be accepted!

Behavior Code

At the sound of the bell, each student will be expected to be in his/her desk with books and assignments ready. Failure to comply will result in a tardy or detention.

No student will deny another student the right to learn or the teacher the right to instruct the class. The student handbook will be followed with regards to any behavior violations.

Over the course of the semester, the student will be assigned due dates for reading completion. On the due date, s/he will be given an essay and/or test. Discussions and follow-up activities will occur after the test is given. Reading checks may also be given prior to the completion date. Selections are available in the Pope Media Center, the public library, and local bookstores. Please contact me if you wish for your child to read an alternative work.

Videos

To reinforce the literature and background of the authors studied, we may occasionally view curriculum related films and film clips (G, PG, and PG-13 only) from the media center. A parent's signature on this syllabus indicates permission for your son or daughter to view these movies.

Synergy

Grades will be posted on Synergy in a timely fashion. Please note that essays and the research paper require extended time for grading (two to three weeks). Parents are expected to check the progress of their child by utilizing Synergy. Progress reports will be sent home every six weeks.

If you have any questions, please e-mail me at Beth.Ragland@cobbk12.org. I look forward to a productive and educational semester.

Academic Integrity:

If a student plagiarizes or copies another's work, the student will receive a parent phone call, "U" in conduct, discipline referral, and a zero on the assignment.

Extra Help:

Extra help is available in the mornings and during AO in Room 308. Students may also receive help by appointment. If you are having trouble with an assignment, do not hesitate to talk with me about your concerns. I am here to help you succeed.

Technology Etiquette:

No technology devices will be visible during class unless provided permission. Do not have cell phones on the desk or anywhere for use during class time. At times students will use cell phones for class instruction to enhance learning. Use of cell phones during class is a distraction and a privilege. Unauthorized use of a cell phone will result in a parent phone call, teacher detention, and additional consequences for continued use.

Students are expected to treat others with respect at all times, follow the rules within the Pope High School handbook, and abide by the county mandates. Tardiness and excessive absenteeism will be reported to grade-level administrator and parents and can disrupt learning.

I have read the classroom expectations, procedures, and policies. I am aware that grades will be posted on Synergy. I also understand that the class wiki will be used to communicate classroom activities.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Parent E-mail Address